

Amendment to the Specification:

On page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 4, with the following:

[0020] FIGURE 1 is a simplified block diagram of a prior art satellite-based subscriber video distribution system;

FIGURE 2a is a simplified block diagram of a plurality of processing units located at a head end or ground station of the system of FIGURE 1, FIGURE 2b illustrates details of one of the processing units of FIGURE 2a, and FIGURE 2c represents the manner in which the various keys are inserted by the encryptor of FIGURE 2b into the locations of the dummy EMM/ECM data in the data stream;

FIGURE 3 is a simplified block diagram of the transponder arrangement of the spacecraft of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is a simplified block diagram of the equipment that an ultimate user of the system of FIGURES 1, 2a, 2b, and 3 may have available;

FIGURE 5 is a simplified block diagram of a plurality of processing units located at the head end or ground station of the system of FIGURE 1 according to an aspect of the invention;

FIGURE 6 is a representation of the manner in which the key information is transmitted in a given transponder channel; and

FIGURES 7a and 7b illustrate the general tenor of the key distribution for the prior art and according to an aspect of the invention, respectively;

FIGURE 8a illustrates an information stream in a conventional television system; and

FIGURE 8b illustrates an information stream in accordance with the present principles.